

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 15, 2003. The Restriction Requirement reports that claims 1-11 comprise a first group of claims, claims 12-25 comprise a second group of claims and claims 26-28 comprise a third group of claims. Applicants hereby elect claims 1-11 (Group I) for further prosecution in this application.

Claims 29-37 have been added with this amendment. These claims recite a load cell body in a manner similar to claim 1, which recites a load cell. It is believed these claims are separately patentable, but are related to the elected claims and a search on claims 29-37 will require no more searching than that performed for claims 1-11.

Claims 12-28 have been cancelled without prejudice, reserving applicants' right to file a divisional application to this invention in another application.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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